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Excited worshippers at Friday's Moslem prayer services at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.
(Rahamim Israeli)

Violence, tension in W. Bank

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One Israeli was injured and several Arab youths were arrested when the Israel Defence Forces yesterday briefly lifted curfews in Kalkilya, Nablus and Tulkarm. The curfew was imposed after the Hebron shooting last week left three Islamic studies students dead and dozens wounded.

In Kalkilya an Israeli was injured when his car was struck by a flying rock. In Nablus, demonstrators began hurling stones at passing cars and army patrols, when the curfew was lifted in the morning for residents to be able to buy food. The patrols arrested several of the rock-throwers.

With the reimposition of the

curfew a tense quiet returned to the areas.

A Friday prayer service at Al Akse mosque in Jerusalem drew several thousand worshippers, some of whom called for demonstrations against the occupation, and against the Hebron attack. But clerics on the Temple Mount calmed the crowd, and a heavy police presence with Border Police and uniformed officers equipped with tear gas masks and batons, also did their part to prevent an outburst.

Unconfirmed reports meanwhile said that at least some of the ammunition used in the attack by two masked men on the Islamic college there included dum-dum bullets. Such bullets shatter on impact, and one police source said that "if such

bullets were indeed used it means the killers were trying to kill as many people as possible."

Sources close to the special investigating team set up after the attack on the college last night refused to confirm or deny the report that such bullets were found.

In addition to the continuing search for the getaway car, police have found remains of the handgrenade that was thrown at the college last week.

In another West Bank development, shots were fired yesterday at the home of a mukhtar in a village near Nablus. According to Tim, the mukhtar is affiliated with the Village League organization, and he reported the shooting to the security forces. No one was injured.

Hunt goes on for murderers

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Police and army contingents are still searching throughout the country for the three escaped murderers who broke out of Beersheba Prison early Thursday morning. The possibilities that the three have escaped across a land border or are hiding with a terrorist organization are also being considered, it was learned.

The police investigation into the escape is continuing, as is the special commission set up by Interior Minister Yosef Burg to look into what is the most serious escape in local history.

Haim Glick, deputy spokesman for the Prisons Service, said last night that "there will be no certainty as to how the escape was done until we catch the men. There were no eye witnesses."

The three escapees are considered particularly dangerous, observers say, as they have nothing to lose.

The three are Atiya Khalil Turi, 26, who was convicted of the murder and rape of 19-year-old soldier Vered Viner, as well as the murder of a fellow inmate in 1982; Suleiman Salman Abu Madgian, 29, found guilty of a double murder during a hold-up in Holon; and Khalil Ibrahim Abu Amar, 28, also serving a life sentence for murder.

PLO loyalists and rebels consider Syria-backed truce

BEIRUT (AP). — Mutineers and loyalists of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization called a new ceasefire yesterday after eight days of fighting that left 42 people dead and 75 wounded in East Lebanon, police and local reporters said.

But last night the Voice of Lebanon radio station said that artillery exchanges between the two sides were renewed near the town of Bualbek.

In the last eight hours before the ceasefire took hold at daybreak Arafat's loyalists recaptured all the positions they lost to the Syrian-backed mutineers during the previous two days in the strategic town of Jdeita, 30 kilometres east of Beirut, according to the dispatches.

Leftist political parties allied with the PLO, and Syrian army intelligence officers in charge of the Bekaa, held a meeting yesterday and proposed a truce plan calling for a phased withdrawal of the warring guerrilla forces from five embattled towns in central Bekaa, reporters said.

The first phase of the plan calls for a pullout from Jdeita, focal point of the latest fighting. Once this is accomplished the plan would be implemented in the four other towns along a 15-kilometre stretch of the Beirut-Damascus highway

near the Syrian border, the dispatches said.

The plan was communicated to the local command of Arafat's supporters and Abu Musa's dissidents and their responses were expected within 24 hours.

The PLO Central Council, the movement's policy making body, has been called into an emergency session in Tunis starting next Wednesday to discuss the split.

In Northern Lebanon, police raided a 500-man force to take control of Lebanon's second largest city, Tripoli, from warring Moslem militias, but two days of talks with various militia commanders failed to persuade them to call in their guns from the streets and allow in police forces, police said.

Pro- and anti-Syrian militiamen seized seven key positions in the city's densely populated Kubbah seaside neighbourhood and the Kalla district last Thursday when Syrian troops pulled out without warning to the outskirts of the city.

A senior Soviet delegation on a secret mission to Damascus earlier this month failed to settle the dispute between Syria and Arafat, it was revealed by an Arab source in Cyprus on Friday.

The source said the delegation which was headed by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Korniyenko spent six days in the Syrian capital between July 14-20.

U.S.-Israel understanding promises Lebanon progress

Israel may be prepared to move out before Syria Reagan says pullback could get Syrians out

Post Diplomatic Staff

Israel is inclined to accept a Syrian military withdrawal from Lebanon following the withdrawal of the Israel Defence Forces from that country, so long as the timetable for withdrawal of both Syrian and Israeli forces is drawn up ahead of time.

This was the way diplomatic observers in Jerusalem yesterday interpreted the most important result of the talks held by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens with the Reagan administration in Washington.

Until now, Israel had insisted that the IDF's withdrawal be carried out in stages, linked to simultaneous Syrian withdrawals.

Sources in Jerusalem said that in the last few days it was possible to sense a certain softening of the Syrian position. But details of the results of talks to be held by American special envoy Robert McFarlane in Beirut and Damascus today and tomorrow would not be

available until the envoy's arrival here on Tuesday.

In any event, sources here emphasized the understanding reached on the Syrian issue between Israel and the U.S. during the high-level talks in Washington.

The sources said that the U.S. now accepts the reasoning behind the IDF's redeployment in Lebanon. They also said that the U.S. now sees that there will be no Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon without joint pressure from both Israel and the U.S.

Shamir will report on his Washington talks at today's weekly cabinet meeting. But no dramatic decisions are expected to be taken by the government, due to the absence of Arens — still in the U.S. — and the McFarlane talks in progress in Beirut and Damascus.

The sources said that chances have increased that the Syrians will engage in withdrawal negotiations with the Lebanese and Americans — negotiations which will be conducted as if there was no Israel-Lebanese agreement.

U.S. reassured after our visit, says Shamir

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on Friday that he and Defence Minister Moshe Arens had set the U.S. mind at rest concerning Israel's intentions to Lebanon.

"We emphasized that our redeployment in Lebanon was only the first step in the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and we stressed the need to keep and implement our agreement with Lebanon without deviating from it," Shamir told reporters upon his return from three days of talks in Washington.

Shamir explained that his and Arens's sudden visit to the U.S. was necessitated by the Americans' desire to understand Israel's intentions in view of the recent cabinet decision to pull back unilaterally within Lebanon.

"The government in Washington felt that before it sends its emissaries to the area, it has to achieve full coordination of positions between all sides involved, that is

Israel, Lebanon and the U.S.," he said.

Shamir said the U.S. had not raised any new ideas for persuading Syria to pull out of Lebanon and he reiterated that Israel would remain there as long as Syria did.

Shamir denied that the U.S. had asked Israel not to redeploy or to hold off such a step, and said that President Ronald Reagan had been "warmly understanding and supportive of Israel's decision." He also denied that the Americans had asked Israel for a timetable of its final pullout from Lebanon.

"There was talk about the possibility of a timetable, but we explained that we couldn't do that because we had no idea of Syria's plans or the PLO's," he said.

Shamir denied reports that Israel would remain in the Shouf until a modus vivendi was reached among the warring factions there, but added that such a situation would facilitate the Israeli and Syrian withdrawals.

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U.S. envoy McFarlane arrives in Rome

ROME. — U.S. Middle East peace envoy, Robert McFarlane, arrived in Rome yesterday on the way to his first tour of the Middle East in his new job. (Picture on page 2).

"As far as I understand, he has no official activities planned for while he's in Rome," said a U.S. Embassy spokesman. "He'll be leaving some time this weekend."

McFarlane is carrying to the Arab capitals a message that Israel is firmly committed to pulling its troops out of Lebanon if Syrian troops also leave. He is expected to

visit Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel.

McFarlane, the deputy White House National Security Affairs adviser who succeeded Philip Habib last week, conferred with President Ronald Reagan yesterday morning before his official mission, aimed at securing the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.

Asked if Syria would receive the new envoy, State Department spokesman John Hughes said: "We see no impediment to ambassador McFarlane's mission." (AP, Reuter)

Phalange command orders end to strike against IDF

BEIRUT (AP). — The command of the Phalangist-dominated Lebanese forces militia on Friday ordered Christians in southern Lebanon to suspend a one day-old general strike against the Israeli Army and to reopen roads in Christian areas to traffic.

The command said in a statement that negotiations were underway with Israeli military authorities "in a cordial and positive atmosphere" to resolve a dispute over an Israeli decision to shut down the Lebanese forces barracks in the southern

town of Kafr Falus.

Phalangist sources said militia negotiators were proposing that Israel post a small garrison with the Lebanese forces at the Kafr Falus barracks to ensure coordination between the two sides. The Israeli side was expected to give its response to the proposal later in the day, the sources added.

The Israeli command said it ordered the Kafr Falus base closed on Thursday because Lebanese forces militiamen there failed to cooperate with the Israeli Army.

David Niven, Hollywood's 'dapper gentleman', at 73

CHATEAU D'OEX, Switzerland (AP). — David Niven, the dapper British actor who died in his sleep Friday from a muscular disease, will be buried after a funeral Tuesday or Wednesday, a family spokeswoman said yesterday.

She said Niven was plucky and in good spirits until his death, smiling and giving the thumbs-up sign minutes before he died. He was 73.

Niven's sons, David and Jimmy, will set the funeral arrangements when they arrive. Niven's second wife, Swedish model Hjordis

Termeden, was to arrive later yesterday from his home on Saint Jean Cup Ferret on the French Riviera, the spokeswoman said.

Roger Moore, star of recent "James Bond" movies, came to the Niven chateau from his home in nearby Gstaad and comforted Niven's adopted daughter Flooa, Frieda, fellow movie stars and fans were saddened by the death of the Oscar-winning actor who symbolized the perfect English gentleman.

The charm, wit and quiet courage of Niven's screen characters made (Continued on page 4)

U.S. frigate 'provocatively' moored off Nicaraguan coast

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP). — The Foreign Ministry claimed on Friday that the U.S. Navy frigate Clifton Sprague was less than 24 kilometres off the Nicaraguan coast "in a provocative attitude" and that an unidentified aircraft had strafed an island in the area the night before.

A ministry statement said the Clifton Sprague was navigating off the country's Pacific coast in "an attitude that is clearly provocative and offensive to the national sovereignty."

plane fired three rockets at El Cardon island on Thursday night and fled in the direction of Honduras. The island is 32 kms. south of Corinto, Nicaragua's main port on the Pacific, where the Soviet freighter Timbuk had just finished unloading 15,000 tons of wheat.

The communiqué said the plane flew northeast, towards Honduran territory "after this criminal action." It said there was no damage or casualties and that the attack took place around 9.30 p.m. These reports could not be verified independently.

The communiqué also claimed that four T-33 Honduran Air Force planes buzzed the towns of El Tamurindo and Loma Oscura, in Nueva Segovia province, 291 kms. north of Managua, on Tuesday night.

Five Soviet ships and one East German freighter unloaded at Corinto last week and three more are expected, but Nicaraguan officials say they are bringing general cargo and not weapons as U.S. defence officials claim.

The Pentagon last week said about a dozen ships were due at

Corinto and nine more had unloaded earlier this year, all carrying Soviet weapons for the ruling Sandinista government here.

The U.S. has deployed three naval battle groups on exercises off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Nicaragua as tension in the area increased.

Nicaragua has threatened war with Honduras if attacks by Honduras-based rebels do not cease. The Nicaraguans claim the rebels are financed and trained by the Central American Agency in an (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Arens: Bashir's killers out to eliminate Amin Jemayel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Opponents of Lebanese President Amin Jemayel — led by militias of the Jumblatt and Franjeh families — were behind the assassination of Bashir Jemayel and the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, according to Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Addressing the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations on Friday in New York, Arens said that this "rump opposition" to Amin Jemayel was now seeking "to eliminate him."

Arens also said Secretary of State George Shultz fully "understands that the Golan Heights are an integral part of Israel." The defence minister denied that the U.S. raised the matter of the Golan as a possi-

ble bargaining chip in winning a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon.

Regarding Israeli-Egyptian relations, Arens said that Shultz, during his last two visits to Egypt, had strongly urged President Hosni Mubarak to send Egypt's Ambassador back to Tel Aviv. The U.S., Arens said, agreed with Israel that the continued absence of the Egyptian envoy from Israel was a violation of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The defence minister, in response to questions, said that he sensed a growing "disenchantment" with Saudi Arabia in Washington, as a result of the Saudis' inability to exert more pressure on the Syrians to leave Lebanon. Saudi financial assistance to other Arab states, Arens said, was designed mostly for "protection" and not "influence."

IDF fired on in Lebanon—no casualties

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli troops in Lebanon came under enemy fire three times during the past two days but no casualties were reported.

Military sources said two rocket-propelled grenades were fired on Friday at an Israel Defence Forces position near Sofar on the Beirut-Damascus highway. Both landed near the position but caused no damage. Fire was not returned, sources said.

On Friday night light arms fire was directed at an IDF position near Kafr Kook in Lebanon's eastern sector. Only a few shots were fired, few were returned and quiet was restored.

The third incident occurred yesterday noon when one or two shots were fired with light arms at IDF soldiers south east of Bahamdoun. The fire may have come from Syrian positions but was not returned, sources said.

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Burg must show why summer time is bad idea

The High Court of Justice Friday ordered Interior Minister Yosef Burg to show cause within 10 days why summer time should not be observed in Israel between August 10 and October 10 of this year.

The order nisi was issued by Judge Moshe Bakshi, in response to a petition by MK Michal Harish

(Labour). Harish argued in his petition that Burg's decision against summer time was "irregular and not taken in accordance with the normal procedure and therefore should be overturned."

According to the petition, Burg has also failed to provide scientific data from Israel and abroad on sum-

mer time, as he was directed by an earlier High Court decision.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut's Central Committee is to meet today to decide whether to back efforts to institute summer time collectively, without government authorization. The Histadrut two months ago came out in favour of summer time, citing its economic,

social and health benefits.

The suggestion to institute summer time unilaterally is expected to be presented at today's meeting by Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel. Such a move at the various work-places would presumably be carried out by mutual agreement of both workers and management. (Itim)

Police complain of lack of cooperation by W. Bank settlers

By ROBERT ROSENERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police infrastructure set up after the Six Day War in the West Bank and Gaza "has outdistanced the new terms of reference created by Jewish settlement in the territories," a senior police source said this weekend.

According to the senior police source, no new equipment or personnel have been added to the force in the territories, and the original establishment of the Israeli Police there.

The source said that "there is little cooperation" by settlers, whom the police suspect of illegal activities, such as the destruction last week — with a government-supplied tractor — of an Arab house just beyond the boundaries of

Kiryat Arba.

"We've held suspects in that case for four days, and they won't say a word. We have the tracks of the tractor leading up to the house. We have eyewitnesses ready to testify. And officials in Kiryat Arba, responsible for the tractor, aren't talking," said the source.

Those problems — as described in a Justice Ministry report prepared over the last two years by Deputy Attorney General Yehudit Karp — will be discussed at a ministerial-level meeting when Defence Minister Moshe Arens returns from the U.S.

Arens, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Justice Minister Moshe Nisim and representatives from the army, police and the attorney general's office were to meet last

week to finalize recommendations for a new law enforcement structure in the territories.

But Arens' trip to the U.S. postponed the meeting, which took on added significance last week with the terror attack on the Hebrew Islamic University.

Burg said last week — just before Arens' departure — that the original Karp report could be published, once the ministerial committee meets and makes its presentation to the cabinet.

The report is said to contain harsh criticism on the way the law is enforced in the territories.

Sources in the Justice Ministry have told *The Jerusalem Post* that the report's conclusions call for a large increase in police budget and manpower in the territories,

improved coordination between various agencies in the area, and a clear demarcation of authority among those agencies.

The vast majority of officers are local Arabs, who are severely handicapped "for obvious reasons" in cases involving Jews.

Only one police officer is regularly assigned to Kiryat Arba, noted the senior source, adding that a continual problem faced by police in the territories is the claim by settlers that they are acting "as soldiers" in the territories.

Such matters are expected to be dealt with by the ministerial committee, chaired by Arens, who has said he will review all law enforcement procedures in the territories — and not just the problem of Jewish vigilantism.



Israel Defence Forces reservists who recently returned from serving in Lebanon demonstrate against the IDF's continued presence there, at the prime minister's Jerusalem residence yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

High Court blasts Haifa on zoning

The High Court of Justice last week excoriated the Haifa municipality and its local planning committee for "trying to mislead the district planning committee and the High Court, in an attempt which smells of fraud."

The court's anger arose from a petition filed by an 80-year-old Haifa man, Yitzhak Yeshawi, over a parcel of land he owns in the Hod Haemzai section of the city. Twelve years ago, the Danya development company proposed to the city that Yeshawi's land be rezoned from private to public use, to build a development of private villas.

Danya agreed to register the land under the city's name free of charge and either to pay for the expropriation of the parcel or to compensate Yeshawi for his land. But Danya and Yeshawi could not agree on a price, and Yeshawi in 1972 asked the local planning committee either to compensate him for the land or to return it back to private use.

Danya also asked the local committee in 1976 to restore the original zoning, offering to give the city another parcel instead. Haifa and the local committee agreed, but the district planning committee turned the plan down. The parcel has remained frozen for the past 12 years.

Yeshawi petitioned the court to instruct the authorities either to restore the original zoning of his property or to expropriate it and pay him compensation. Justices Dov Levin, Shoshana Netanyahu and Theodor Orr accepted his petition, ordering the respondents to pay IS80,000 in costs.

They recommended that Yeshawi choose between filing a civil suit or asking the court to instruct the local committee to expropriate his land and have Danya pay him compensation.

Netanyahu concluded the hearing by saying: "The behaviour of the local committee and the municipality in this matter deserves strong condemnation, and I instruct that a copy of this decision be passed on to the state comptroller." (Itim)

Thief with conscience wanted to return loot

HOLON (Itim). — A thief who broke into a neighbour's flat and stole a video recorder decided to return it. But, he told police, he was too ashamed to give it back himself, so he asked his victim's insurance agent to help him.

The 27-year-old man broke into the apartment in Rehov Hagazonim Street, Holon last week and took the machine. The owners' insurance agent later received a call from the man saying he had hidden the recorder in the apartment block bomb shelter and that he wanted to give it back.

After the video was found there the man was arrested. He told police he regretted what he had done. He said he was out of work and had intended to sell the video to raise some money.

No definite end to terrorism after redeployment — Levy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy said yesterday there is no reason to suppose terrorist action in Lebanon will stop just because Israel is redeploying its forces there.

Speaking on Kol Yisrael's weekly newsreel, Levy added that he was not prepared to promise peaceful coexistence between Christians and Druse in the Shouf Mountains after the IDF leaves the area.

"We are meeting with all concerned to try to stabilize the situation before we leave, but there was unrest during our presence and it will not cease when we are gone. Everyone asks me what if this or that happens after we redeploy. People have to get used to the idea that we simply will not be there, with all this implies, and cannot be expected to assume the responsibility as if we were holding the area."

Prof. Jonah Alexander, an expert on terrorism working at the Tel Aviv University Institute for Strategic Studies, said that terrorism will probably increase after the Israeli redeployment, particularly inside Israel, in Judea and Samaria and in the U.S. and Europe.

An Israeli Druse lawyer demanded that Christian bases which have been set up in the Shouf since Israel came into the area be dismantled.

Prof. Itamar Rubinowitz, of Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute for Middle East Research, was pessimistic about the possibility of peaceful coexistence between the rival groups in the Shouf. Fighting has been going on for 140 years, he said, and the best that can be expected is periods of control and containment of the violence.

IDF intelligence officer says Syrians won't quit Lebanon

TEL AVIV (Itim). — "The Syrians want to hold on to their influence in Lebanon and in my estimation they have no intention of leaving," Tel-Aviv Arye Ben-Tov, Israel Defence Forces' chief intelligence officer said in an interview to *Banahane*, the IDF weekly.

He also said the Lebanese army as it stands today will have a hard time taking control of territory evacuated by the IDF. But, he added, if the army gets proper aid and a way is found to achieve

reasonable coexistence among the various factions in the region, the Lebanese army might succeed. He doubted, however, that the Lebanese would be able to prevent terrorist infiltration into Israeli territory.

Commenting on Soviet involvement in Lebanon, Ben-Tov said it was continuing, "perhaps tooed down somewhat. But the Soviets are there and nothing has changed since their emplacement of SAM-5 missiles in the region."

5 injured in Beduin inter-family fight

BEERSHEBA. — A violent quarrel broke out between two families in the northern Negev Beduin town of Rahat yesterday morning. Police have refused to release the names of the families involved but they say that the fight was over an old argument concerning a well and some grazing areas.

Five people were injured — three lightly. The two more seriously wounded were brought to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba for treatment. They have since been released.

One of those involved in the fracas fired a pistol and was taken into police custody. Three cars were damaged in the fighting. A small number of policemen remained in the town after the incident to preserve the peace.

Mapam's 'Al-Hamishmar' marks 40th birthday

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The 40th anniversary of the daily *Al-Hamishmar* newspaper, published by Mapam, was celebrated on Thursday with a party at which Mayor Shlomo Lahat, the editors of several other papers, and the ambassadors of Rumania and Germany were guests.

The anniversary year has also seen the dedication of a new headquarters building for *Al-Hamishmar*. In his remarks at the party, *Al-Hamishmar* editor Marek Gefen

said that to celebrate the continued life of any Israeli paper was in many ways to celebrate the continuation of Israeli democracy.

EXERCISE. — There will be a civil defence exercise between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. tomorrow in the Golan Heights area near Ness Ziona. Sounds of firing and explosions will be heard, as will all clear sirens. If a real emergency occurs during the exercise, a rising-falling siren will be sounded.

Knesset is 'arena for power fights'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government considers the Knesset a nuisance, and the Knesset has deteriorated into an arena for power struggles. Deputy Speaker Moshe Shaleh (Alignment) said when he was interviewed on Israel Radio on Friday evening, together with his fellow Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov (Likud).

"We praised Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov's action on the archeology bill because it was a step toward bringing the Knesset back to fair play," Shaleh said.

Cohen-Avidov explained that what happened with the archeology bill was not a parliamentary trick. "On a previous occasion, pressure was exerted on me to bring up the 'Who is a Jew?' bill in the Speaker's absence, because there was a good chance of it getting through."

"I had promised the Speaker that I would not do it, and I refused despite all the pressure. If I did not do it for 'Who is a Jew?', which I think is much more important than the archeology bill, why should I have done it now? At the end of a session, when there is a rush of work items are often brought up at a different time than originally planned."

Shaleh complained that the government does not take the Knesset seriously and that ministers often send their deputies to report to the Knesset instead of coming themselves.

"There is an inflation of deputy ministers. When 30 MKs are ministers and deputy ministers that in itself is enough to destroy the Knesset's effectiveness."

Cohen-Avidov said the government does take the Knesset seriously and that it is the MKs themselves who do not. Many do not come to the Knesset or fail to participate in debates which often end earlier for lack of MKs who want to speak. He said part of the problem is that many MKs have other jobs in addition to their Knesset responsibilities.

In discussing what could be done to improve the Knesset's work and image, both men agreed that publicizing the names of those MKs who do not participate in debates and votes could be effective.

OIL. — Israel-based Terol Exploration Int. has been granted permission to drill for oil in fields in the state of Virginia, in the south of the U.S.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek smiles at his replacement-for-a-day on Friday, "Mayor" Merav Barzilay. To Kollek's left is "Deputy Mayor" Nassiah Ali, from East Jerusalem. (Rahamim Israeli)

Uri, the lonely orang-utang, needs a friend

RAMAT GAN (Itim). — Hundreds of animal lovers have called the Safari Park here with offers to adopt Uri the lonely orang-utang, whose plight was revealed in a newspaper article on Thursday.

But park officials have turned them all down. They say that what they need for Uri is not a new home or mother but a playmate.

Uri, now about two years old, is all alone in his cage with no one to play with. And, say the experts, orang-utangs of his age love to play hide and seek, tag and other childhood games as part of their growing process.

Safari Park officials say that they have located a likely friend for Uri, a female called Wilhelmina, currently living at the Frankfurt Zoo in West Germany. But her owners want \$12,000 to send her here.

So, say the Safari Park management, people who want to make Uri a happy monkey, should donate to a fund to bring Wilhelmina to Israel.

Savior for national unity government

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's two major political camps, the Likud and the Alignment should join forces in a national unity government for the next five to ten years in order to deal with the country's problems, Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor said in an interview broadcast on Kol Yisrael yesterday.

"Today, the tail is wagging the dog instead of the other way around," he said before leaving for Venezuela Friday. "We are dependent on every splinter group, sometimes even on one member, and whoever holds the key to coalition survival at any given moment can push through whatever demands he pleases."

Speaking on Kol Yisrael's English Programme yesterday, Ronan Milo (Likud) countered that this was the price the Likud had to pay to stay in power and carry out its programmes in foreign affairs, defence and settlement.

"I think our way is the right way, and that we have to remain in power to carry it out," Milo said. He added that he was not happy about the archeology law but that politics is not a matter of happiness and if the coalition agreement calls for such a law, it must be passed.

'Country Club' owner unhurt in bomb attempt

RAMAT HASHARON (Itim). — The owner of the Country Club here, Muna Shapira, escaped injury on Friday when a grenade attached to his car failed to explode.

Shapira found the grenade when he heard a grating sound upon starting his car and got out to look for the cause. He then asked his wife to call the police.

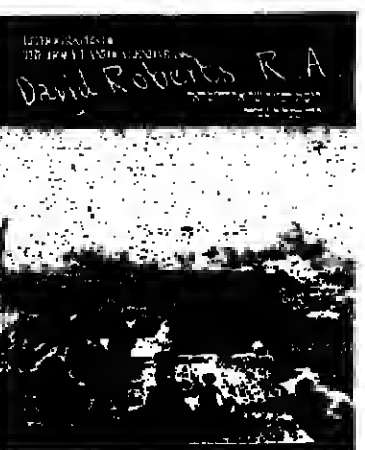
Court orders freeing of Grunzweig suspect

Eliezer Abargil, arrested last week on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig was released at the weekend.

Abargil, 33, was also suspected of possessing explosives and of plotting to attack persons and institutions. He was released on the orders of a court after police completed their investigation of him. (Itim)

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Sri Lanka bans 3 left parties, extends curfew

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Sri Lanka, swept by ethnic violence for the past week, banned three Marxist parties yesterday.

A government spokesman said that President Junius Jayewardene outlawed the Communist Party of Sri Lanka, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front) and the Nawa Lanka Sama Samaja Party (New Socialist Party). State radio said the three parties were proscribed under emergency powers.

The curfew, due to end this morning, has been extended to tomorrow, and today's church services have been cancelled.

The party was a coalition partner in the government of former prime minister Sirima Bandaranaike from 1970 to 1977.

The government also presented legislation yesterday to outlaw parties advocating separatism. Parliament is due to meet on Thursday to discuss the draft, which would amend the constitution.

Jayewardene's ruling United National Party (UNP) has a two-thirds majority in the house.

The legislation would ban the main party of the minority community on the island, the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) seeking a separate state for the island's 2.5 million Tamils.

The week's violence has been directed against Tamil businesses and homes across the island, following a Tamil guerrilla attack last weekend in which 13 army soldiers died.

Of the parties outlawed yesterday, the Communist Party is one of the oldest in Sri Lanka. It was formed in 1943.

Western diplomatic sources said the legislation could drive TULF, which now has 17 members in the 168-seat Assembly, into the underground. TULF denies any links with the guerrillas.

After Friday's fresh violence

which left at least 11 dead, Colombo was quiet yesterday as police and troops, some in armoured cars, continued to patrol the streets.

Unofficial reports said there had been burning and looting on Friday in Marula, east of here near the hard-hit city of Kandy. There was no word of any deaths.

A week of violence has left at least 102 people dead across the island nation. The unofficial death toll is said to be much higher, but no one is really sure how many people have been killed on either side.

The government has said that about 35,000 people are being sheltered in camps in the Greater Colombo area, where rioting and arson destroyed thousands of homes and businesses and badly scarred the city.

Other camps have been opened in Kandy, Galle, and Ruhnapura, and the total number of displaced people, mostly Tamils, is officially put at 48,000.

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi yesterday cut short an up-country visit and flew back to New Delhi for talks with her foreign minister, just returned from a one-day visit to Sri Lanka.

Gandhi, who was in the northeastern state of Sikkim, spoke by telephone with Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao about the Sri Lanka situation. Rao himself returned early yesterday.

He went to Sri Lanka amid growing Indian concern, especially in the south, about attacks on Tamils. Gandhi was quoted as saying in the Sikkim capital of Gangtok Friday night that the situation was basically an internal problem of Sri Lanka, "but we are very much interested because some of our citizens are involved."

Besides the Tamils, who are of Indian origin, a number of Indian nationals including some diplomatic mission staff, were affected by the violence.



Federal agents and local officials in New York view part of huge arms cache seized last week. Eight men were arraigned on charges they conspired to sell more than \$2 billion worth of arms to undercover federal agents posing as representatives of the Irish Republican Army and the government of Iran. (UPI telephoto)

DAVID NIVEN

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him one of Hollywood's most enduring leading men. Friends said it was a reflection of his real personality.

Niven had suffered for more than a year from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, a neuro-muscular ailment also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, named after the American baseball star who also succumbed to it. The disease crippled Niven and caused a drastic loss of weight.



David Niven (1964 photo)

Among the first to react to Niven's death was British director Bryan Forbes, who said: "We thought the end was near but not as close as this."

Trim, dashing and with a pencil-thin mustache, Scots-born Niven broke into films after a meeting with movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn. He had gone to America in the early 1930s and worked as a waiter, liquor salesman and partner in a pony racing company.

Goldwyn signed him for \$60 a week. Niven's first movie parts, as an extra, were registered by the Central Casting Bureau as "English Type No. 2008."

The dashing actor's career spanned four decades and earned him starring roles in nearly 100 movies. He was at home in spy thrillers, comedy and adventure films and once described himself as a "displaced Cary Grant."

He always modestly insisted that his success was a matter of luck, and in 1977 told an interviewer:

"I was in the right place at the right time and happened to have acquired some very influential chums (Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Errol Flynn, Humphrey Bogart, to name a few), who for some inexplicable reason took an interest in my career."

Chilean high court says protests legal

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Chile's supreme court said on Friday that peaceful anti-government protests were not a crime and upheld a lower court decision which released from jail former foreign minister Gabriel Valdés and five others.

By four votes to one, the court rejected an appeal by the military government of President Augusto Pinochet which sought to have the lower court ruling overturned.

Diplomats said the supreme court ruling cleared the way for more anti-government protests. Opposition spokesmen have mentioned August 11 as a probable date for the next protest.

6 die in copter crash

SAINT-RAMBERT-D'ALBON, France (AP). — A helicopter crashed on landing at an airport in this town, south of Lyon, on Friday night, killing all six people aboard, authorities said.

183 dead in U.S. heat wave

NEW YORK (AP). — A heat wave that has killed 183 people stifled much of the U.S. from California to New York on Friday. Temperatures in some heartland cities climbed back into the 100s (high 30s C).

Some relief came from thunderstorms spreading across the Midwest into the Great Lakes region and parts of the Eastern seaboard.

But the same storms ripped the roofs off buildings in parts of Kansas with 160 kilometre-per-hour winds and knocked out the power to more than 100,000 homes and businesses in western Michigan and the Detroit area.

Temperatures were in the 90s (low 30s) from California to New York and higher in the Southeast and mid-Mississippi Valley.

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. Congress passes emergency finance bill

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Congress gave final approval Friday to a \$7 billion emergency finance bill which includes \$1.1 billion urgently needed to buy food for the poor.

Faced with a Monday deadline when money for food aid for about 20 million Americans would run out, President Ronald Reagan was expected to sign the bill even though he dislikes some of its provisions.

The Senate approved the compromise bill on a voice vote soon after the House of Representatives cleared all amendments.

Church leaders defend aid to revolutionaries

VANCOUVER (Reuters). — Church officials Friday defended a controversial World Council of Churches (WCC) operation that gives money to revolutionary groups and said that the "programme to combat racism" was gaining support.

The Reverend Allan Boesak, a prominent South African clergyman who opposes his country's apartheid racial-separation policies, also declared his support for the programme, saying Christians must identify with oppressed people, even those who used violence to end their oppression.

He made the comments during a news conference on the sixth day of the WCC's governing assembly, the first for the ecumenical group since it met in Nairobi in 1975.

Troops kill 18-year-old in N. Ireland shooting

BELFAST (AP). — Troops shot and killed an 18-year-old youth early yesterday following an incident in a Roman Catholic housing project in the border town of Armagh, a police spokesman said.

The youth, identified by local residents as Martin Malone, was one of 11 children who lived with their parents, near the scene of the shooting.

A spokesman for the Belfast police refused to give any details of the shooting, saying only that it was under investigation.

A local leader of Sinn Féin, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, claimed Malone was shot in the back and accused the police of murdering an innocent youth.

Passengers crushed in Egyptian rail accident

ALEXANDRIA. — Five persons were killed and nine injured here when two overloaded trains passed by each other, crushing passengers who were hanging from the windows and doors, police sources said yesterday.

The sources said the accident happened late on Friday night. They said four of the nine injured were in serious condition, but gave no further details.

Extensive renovation plans for the Egyptian railway system were announced in June after two train crashes which killed a total of 36 and injured 87.

Avalanche in Colombia kills 160 workers

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP). — Thousands of tons of mud and rocks roared down a rain-ravaged Andes mountainside, burying and killing about 160 workers changing shifts at a dam being built east of Bogota, officials said.

Officials said Friday the avalanche occurred in a driving rain in two stages beginning early Thursday at the Guavio dam, part of a hydroelectric project under construction 140 kilometres east of the Colombian capital.

Gov. Julio Cesar Sanchez of Cundinamarca state said the first mudslide hit when about 80 workers were finishing their shift and another 80 had just arrived in three buses to take their place.

The three bus drivers, 10 policemen on routine patrol, several Italians and Yugoslavs, and an unspecified number of peasants also were caught by the slide, officials said.

Malta to move against church property

VALLETTA (Reuters). — Malta's socialist government says it is determined to take action which will deprive the Roman Catholic Church of as much as 70 per cent of its property within the next six months.

Protracted and bitter negotiations with the Vatican aimed at finding a negotiated settlement to church-state differences on this Mediterranean island have broken down completely and the government will impose its views unilaterally, according to Deputy Prime Minister Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici.

"The Vatican has now informed us it is against further negotiations, so it is a question of weeks before we rule that the law should be enforced. We will enforce it fully within not more than six months," Bonnici told Reuters.

Last month the Maltese government passed a law on the devolution of church property, which church and state officials agree could lead to the confiscation of some 70 per cent of church property.

MIGS. — India has signed an agreement with the Soviet Union to manufacture MiG-27 jet fighters under licence. Defence Minister Rumsawmi Venkataraman told Parliament in New Delhi on Friday.

Iran: We're on the attack; Iraq: We've wiped them out

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Iran said yesterday it had launched a new offensive in the central sector of the Gulf War battlefield against Iraq, just a week after mounting a big attack in the north.

The national news agency IRNA said the offensive, code-named Val Fajr Three, began on Friday night near the border town of Mehran.

It said reports indicated the Iranian troops had gained "outstanding victories" and added more details would be given later.

But in Baghdad yesterday Iraq said it had repulsed the Iranian offensive and killed 7,000 Iranians in fighting in the north in the last 10 days.

A high command communique, quoted by state radio, said Iran launched an attack east of Zubayyah, some 160 kms. east of Baghdad, at midnight on Friday.

It said the attacking force had been wiped out, but gave no further details.

The communique described the new Iranian offensive as "an abortive attempt to invade Iraqi land to cover their failure in the battles of Karbala and mountain peak."

The commander of Iraq's first army corps, Major-General Ne'ma Fares al-Jassir, said in a statement published in Baghdad newspapers yesterday that Iran had lost 7,000 men fighting around the garrison town of Haj Omran in the last 10 days.

Iraq on Friday it had recaptured Karbala mountain peak, which overlooked Haj Omran, after its paratroopers dropped behind Iranian lines.

Iran said it captured Haj Omran, which it said had been used to supply Kurdish rebels in Iran, and seven surrounding peaks on the first day of its northern offensive a week ago.

A military communique quoted by Iran's national news agency IRNA on Friday night said Iranian troops had made further advances in the area after "shattering" an Iraqi counterattack on Thursday night.

Teheran executes eight foes for aiding Bani-Sadrescape

TEHERAN (Reuters). — Eight members of the outlawed Mujahedin Khalq guerrilla group have been executed in Iran for involvement in ousted president Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's 1981 escape to France, the national news agency IRNA said yesterday.

The IRNA report, which referred to the Mujahedin as "Munafiqin" (hypocrites), said they were executed on Thursday. It gave no further details.

Bani-Sadr was dismissed by Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in June 1981 after losing a

power struggle and being declared incompetent parliamentarian.

He later fled France in an Iranian air force plane, helped by members of the Mujahedin and accompanied by the leader, Masoud Rajavi, who also lives in Paris.

IRNA said another Mujahedin member involved in Bani-Sadr's escape had been killed in a raid on a Mujahedin hideout, while three others had been sentenced to death in their absence.

It gave no details of the raid on the hideout and did not name the people involved.

Armenian 'bomber' retracts confession to Orly blast

PARIS (Reuters). — A 29-year-old Armenian retracted his confession after he previously admitted planting the bomb that killed seven people and wounded 57 at Orly airport in Paris two weeks ago, the man's lawyer said yesterday.

The lawyer, Henri Leclerc, said that Varadjan Garibedian had confessed on July 19, four days after the blast, solely in order to protect the Armenian community and help obtain the release of 51 suspected Armenian activists rounded up after the attack.

He said that Garibedian had retracted the confession during a meeting on Friday with the judge investigating the blast which ripped through the airport's crowded

southern terminal when a suitcase exploded at the Turkish airlines check-in desk.

Leclerc told reporters Garibedian acknowledged belonging to the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, which claimed responsibility for the blast, but had been unable to give a precise description of the site of the bombing.

Garibedian, a Syrian-born Armenian, has been charged with murder and attempted murder, destruction of property, violation of the peace, illegal possession of arms and ammunition, making and carrying explosives, conspiracy and forging documents.

Exploding car in Palermo kills anti-Mafia judge

PALERMO, Sicily (AP). — A remote-controlled car bomb that went off on a residential street killed an anti-Mafia judge and three other men Friday in stepped-up warfare by presumed gangland figures.

Judge Rocco Chinnici, his two police bodyguards and a doorman were killed instantly by the powerful blast of at least 100 kilograms of dynamite, officials said.

"It looks like a Mafia job," said one police official, who asked not to be identified by name.

Fourteen other people, including four policemen and a 7-year-old boy, were wounded.

Italian President Sandro Pertini, surrounded by security agents, led

hundreds of mourners at a funeral mass yesterday for the judge and three other men killed in the blast.

Chinnici, 58, had directed investigations into the multi-million dollar heroin traffic between Sicily and the U.S. and recently had extended the probe to Thailand; another major drug source. He was an outspoken opponent of the Mafia.

Investigators speculated the bombing was the Mafia's response to the issuing of 14 arrest warrants by Palermo authorities two weeks ago for the September killing of Gen. Carlo Dalla Chiesa, who had been sent to Sicily to direct the war on the Mafia.

Compromise on IMF funds satisfies U.S. Democrats

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Strenuous efforts by Congressional and administration leaders salvaged a vital \$8.4 billion U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to rescue debt-stricken nations.

Over the past two weeks, there seemed little hope for President Reagan's plan for the contribution. The Republican Senate approved an IMF bill similar to Reagan's proposal on June 8, but it was later defeated in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

But Congressional leaders and Treasury officials worked feverishly to forge a compromise which tied enough strings to the IMF funding plan to satisfy its critics.

The House voted for the compromise by a surprisingly large, 332-76 margin, on Friday.

Among the strings attached is a plan to force the U.S. to vote against using IMF funds to repay banks whose loans to developing nations were made "imprudently."

Another provision is designed to encourage banks to stretch out high-interest short-term loans into lower interest, long-term loans, to give some breathing room to struggling nations.

ARC DE TRIOMPHE. — The Arc de Triomphe, one of the most visited monuments in Paris, will close from today if 20 guards at the site carry out their threat to go on strike in support of salary demands.

U.S.-Soviet grain deal won't make up for embargo losses

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Reagan administration officials say a new agreement to sell U.S. grain to the Soviet Union will normalize trade relations but will not undo the damage caused by former president Carter's grain embargo.

Agriculture Secretary John Block said Moscow's agreement on Friday to buy at least nine million tons of wheat, corn and grain-a-year for five years was good news. But it would leave the U.S. far short of recouping the 70 per cent share of the Soviet market it held before the 1979 embargo.

"That damage has not been corrected and it's not likely to be corrected in the foreseeable future," Block said.

Last year, the U.S. provided only 35 per cent of Moscow's 40 million tons of grain imports.

Carter imposed the embargo in protest at Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan. Reagan lifted it, but later refused to conclude a permanent replacement for the 1975 long-term grain pact in retaliation for martial law in Poland, which he blamed on the Soviet Union.

Italians mark Mussolini centenary

PREDAPPIO, Italy (AP). — Hundreds of Italian youths dressed in black shirts on Friday joined World War II veterans in ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of late Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

Busloads of right-wing supporters from throughout Italy and other European countries arrived in this central Italian mountain village about 90 kilometres northeast of

Florence where Mussolini is buried.

Police deployed reinforcements to prevent possible trouble from anti-fascist groups.

The ceremonies took place after a year-long national debate between Mussolini devotees and foes who claim the commemoration could encourage fascist sentiments to a country where fascism is banned by the constitution.

Diplomats keep sex slaves says anti-slavery activist

LONDON (Reuters). — Some foreign diplomats in London keep slaves and at least one lent a slave girl to men friends for sex, the former secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society said yesterday.

Colonel Patrick Montgomery made his allegations in a letter published by The Times.

He said later that while he was secretary of the London-based Anti-Slavery Society between 1963 and 1980 he also received evidence of foreign diplomats keeping slaves in Washington, New York and Geneva.

Recalling that slavery was abolished in England in 1772, Montgomery wrote: "Twice in recent years I have been given first-hand information of slave-owning by persons of diplomatic status living or staying in London."

He told how in one incident a girl emerged from a diplomat's flat to show the wife of one of his friends bitmarks on her arm and a brand mark on the crown of her head.

"She was on several occasions seen being dragged out screaming to be lent to the diplomat's men friends," he wrote. He later confirmed that this implied she was lent for sex.

Montgomery, who gave no details of which countries' diplomats were involved, said police could not act because of diplomatic immunity.

Girls were lured to London as domestic servants expecting a life of luxury, only to be confined to home, unable to contact outsiders and sexually abused, he added.

"I'm only talking about what I believe to be the tip of the iceberg," he added.

He said that as secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society he had evidence of four cases of foreign diplomats owning slaves in London, two in Geneva and two in New York.

The number for Washington was greater than the other cities, he added without giving details.

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The plan is available for inspection at the bureau of the Headquarters Office for Internal Affairs on Sun., 28, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who regards himself as disadvantaged by the plan is entitled to submit an objection to the Headquarters Office for Internal Affairs, P.O. Box 16, Beit El, within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

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Context

AT HOME UNDERGROUND

By MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Moshe Kalif as Dostoyevsky's underground man.

MOSHE KALIF has gone underground again, which means that he's once more accessible to audiences. That's a contradiction — and it's true.

The 35-year-old actor does a one-man show called *Confession*, adapted from Dostoyevsky's *Notes from the Underground*, which originally bore the same title. With his wild red hair and rumpled black coat, he is the embodiment of alienation: a man desperate to touch someone and overcome the need to make that touch a punch — or at least a pinch.

He talks of the pleasure of despair. Out of spite he won't go to the dentist, but whom is he spitting? This is worse than a personality disorder: it's Existence, which is harder to dismiss and nearly impossible to cure.

Kalif first did *Confession* in 1978, when the reviews were generally favourable, although they pointed out the difficulty — perhaps inadvisability — of adapting the material to the stage. The most enthusiastic review was by the *Post's* Mendel Kohnsky, though he had some objection to Kalif's delivery — the predictable, eye-catching build-up to a fever pitch.

I saw the play recently at Hasmita in Old Jaffa. The first part, a direct frontal attack on the audience, made me want to crawl under my chair, which was probably the desired effect. I preferred the second half — about Zerkov's party and a visit to a prostitute.

At least for a while, fictional characters occupied the space between actor and audience, absorbing the attention of both and reducing some of the hostility. But that alternation between involvement and hostility is part of the subject of *Confession*.

SOMETHING about the chill of the underground seemed familiar to the real-life Kalif, drinking a beer at a nearby cafe after the performance.

A native of Iraq, he came to Israel in 1951 with his parents and four siblings, living in tents and then progressing to shacks.

As an Iraqi he felt alienated from the Ashkenazi mainstream. But his

Sephardi identity was also in question.

How many Iraqis are there with red hair and light skin?

"Among Sephardim I'm considered an Ashkenazi," he says. "But if I'm open with them, they'll accept me. Ashkenazim consider me one of them — until they find out I'm a *frank*, and then I'm finished." (*Frank* is a disparaging term for Sephardi Jews, which is sometimes applied to all Jews from Moslem countries.)

Kalif claims his Iraqi name elicits a response of "you're not one of us" from the establishment theatres, though those in charge don't phrase their rejections that way. They say he's not good enough. Mostly, he says, they don't answer his phone calls or his letters or even registered letters. They promise but don't come to see his play. When he applies for a job and invites them to see his one-man show, they want him to take a stage test instead.

A GRADUATE of Nissim Nativ's Drama Studio in 1979, Kalif worked at Habimah for a while, but mainly performed *Confession*, which was adopted by Art for the People (*Onamut La'am*) as a programme for older high school students. He thought *Confession* would be a call-

ing card but, aside from a role in *The Seven Beggars* at the Jerusalem Khan, it hasn't brought him any other work.

"This show is harder than *Hamlet*," says the actor. "No set, no props. I give them myself *neo*." Which raises some questions: perhaps audiences are like the income tax authorities. You have to give them something to deduct. But there is no doubt that Kalif shows considerable strength as the underground man.

One of his past teachers thinks he is a very talented character actor and that his problem in getting work is not discrimination against all Sephardim, but the limited selection of roles — and Kalif's unwillingness to be nice to those one must be nice to in order to get ahead in the establishment.

Kalif, for his part, refuses to accept stereotype casting of, for instance, Iraqis as only Iraqis. He also objects to most neighbourhood theatre, because it doesn't require training and people don't take it seriously. If he managed to work days and study every night, so can others, he says.

He objects to the negative image of Sephardim in native Israeli theatre — even when it is designed to present problems in an under-

standing light. He says he took his 10-year-old son to a production (*Drarna Circle*) of the Theatre for Children and Youth, and the child asked on the way out: "Tell me, Dad, when you were a kid, was Grandma also a prostitute?"

WHAT WOULD he rather see? Well, something about relationships among the 70 writers of the Babylonian Talmud, for instance. Which brings us to the subject of Jewish theatre.

"Some say there is no such thing, but I say synagogue was theatre. And the prophet sitting at the city gates. Today that would be called a happening," he says. Then there's the *darwish* his parents described to him — the man who would tell stories in the cafes and get food for his performance. "Today it's called 'cafe theatre' in the West."

He feels no cultural deprivation: "My father left me two things — a *kushan* (deed) to land in Judea and Samaria, and the Bible." The first inheritance he doesn't want to hear about. The second he quotes all the time.

When he was 12, Kalif had a teacher who had studied theatre in his native Iraq, and dramatized stories of Joshua, the spies and Jericho in class.

But his first memory of an interest in theatre goes back further, to his mother's vivid imagination. Once when he was nine he refused to go to school one day.

"Why, are you pregnant?" his mother wanted to know. He said he was. She said: "Okay, we'll arrange a delivery for you, and then you can go to school." She called a neighbour who was a midwife and also had a strong sense of stage.

Two and a half hours later, after much travail, he was delivered of twin boys — and went to school.

That may have been the seed of his career in theatre — and his identity as a denizen of the underground. In addition to mocking him for being a ginger-haired "Ashkenazi" the leads to his neighbourhood had lots to say about the miracle birth.

He seems to use his "outcast" status to some effect.

Low man on the totem pole

By ZE'EV SCHUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

I MET MY cardiologist the other day. We've known each other for years. "How," professionally, ever since what the experts are wont to call "coronary incidents" (a couple of them) and one open-heart operation knocked me out of the production lines. I'd skipped a couple of my periodical check-ups with him — and he beamed when he saw me: "What — Schul? You're still alive?"

"What's the matter. Did I louse up your statistical averages?" I asked. Normally I am out that quick-witted. But this was while the doctors' strike was in its infancy and I still had a sense of humour.

Let me say at the outset that in spite of my official classification, I am in the best of health. Thanks to my excellent doctors and, I might say, their emotional involvement. They literally "wished me well" and, by gum, it worked!

But now for the other shoe. In spite of it all I always have a cylinder of oxygen within reach. Also a little spray-can of nitroglycerine, which works wonders with anginal pains. And I figured out the shortest access roads to the country's hospitals when I transferred myself to a Galilean hill-top, where I now live. (Touch wood, I haven't been inside an emergency room since last spring.)

CAME THE STRIKE. As I said, I'm a bit slow in my reactions. It may be due to my Yekke origins, which have given me, among other things a blind and absolute faith in the superman/woman characteristics of all doctors of

medicine. Herr Doktor (or Frau Doktor) could do no wrong. They were endowed with godlike qualities that enabled them to perform miracles. Which was also why one could show them one's bottom and stick out one's tongue at them without embarrassment on one side or offence on the other. It was the way I was raised and the way I was raised remained ingrained — at least, for most of these past 59 years.

Then came the strike, and I told the wife that had she been in the last months of pregnancy (which struck her as a poor joke) I would have sent her abroad to be confined there. Doing a mental double-take, I realized that actually I should have done the same for myself, provided I could scrounge the money and enough of it to hang on until the (then) still unpredictable end to the strike. I also wondered whether I should ask my pension fund to transfer my monthly allowances to Switzerland and claim the increased cost of living based on a purchasing-power comparison of the Swiss franc with the shekel.

The next thought was, logically, of a national exodus. All my fellow patients, the post-infarction, atherosclerotic disease stricken, the pregnant women, the cancer suspects and the renal failures and those hooked up to various apparatuses not to mention the undiagnosed ones and the innumerable others dependent for their lives on doctors who wouldn't accept direct

blame for the strike but resorted to "Look — we're suffering too" tactics.

Perhaps this host of invalids should have rolled its wheelchairs in a vast armada of protest into some remote cul-de-sac to wait, lemming-like, for the end there. It could have done so — judging by the reaction of the doctors and the government. Or perhaps we should have gone a-begging at the doors of some foreign health service, or called upon the International Red Cross to come to our aid — or maybe our brethren, which Yiddish Mamma doesn't have at least one doctor in the family?

WE HAVE YET to hear what the strike cost. In terms not of money, but of human lives. Perhaps it was all exaggerated. But one doesn't frighten old people and the very young and pregnant women. They are scared enough as it is.

I hear there are accusations of passivity and indifference pegged onto our people. There is a difference between passivity and fatalism. Between the anvil of the doctors and the hammer of the government — what could they have done? Would mass hysteria have helped?

One more question rises in my mind: Where were the religious physicians? *Pikuah nefesh dohe Shabbat*, and all that. Did they keep on working and, if so, why did they remain silent?

I am not belittling any of the doc-

tors' claims and least of all their claims for fair incomes and working hours. But I also wish to point out that the widow of an air force pilot, (killed in the line of duty), a mother of two, has to subsist on IS25,000 — her May salary. This sum is approximately one third, in real value, of the take-home pay her husband used to earn.

We are told that the state cannot afford to pay more. My father used to say that he who spends more than he owns must be a thief — so the Treasury may (or may not) have a point where I am concerned. THE FINANCIAL aspects of the strike and the problem of where the government is going to get the money from to pay the doctors and all the others who will predictably follow in their wake, are things I may have to worry about in the future. There are the other aspects, which concern me very much right now.

If doctors can strike — and the hunger strike should be called what it was, a technicality, a gimmick — then so can the "peaceniks" and those who want to settle in Judea and Samaria. And the soldiers who don't want to be posted to Lebanon. And their mothers, and those in favour of summer time.

As far as I can remember, there was only one group of professionals in Israel who ever tried to raise their income levels to whatever their colleagues in more affluent western countries were earning. They were El Al's cockpit and cabin crews and they all but cut off the branch they were sitting on. The doctors, I fear, are sitting on the trunk of the living tree of Israel.

is hard to comprehend what other concept has kept the authorities to this day from identifying and arresting any significant number of the arsonists.

Then, of course, this concept of a wider circle of "responsibility" enveloped the Arab mayor of Hebron and the members of his council because they had "contributed to the incitement" that led to the killing of Gross.

Nothing similar has occurred in connection with the outrage at the Hebron Islamic University. Kiyat Arba has not been put under curfew, no accusations of contributory "incitement" have been levelled upon Rabbi Moshe Levinger or any of the members of the council at Kiyat Arba.

In an article placed in the boxes of foreign correspondents at the Government Press Office, Rabbi Meir Kahane called for a "Jewish response" to the "Arabs of Judea-Samaria-Gaza" for the killing of Aharon Gross. The response, Rabbi Kahane wrote, should be "at least to break their backs and limbs..."

Incitement? Evidently not.

So we return now to the beginning:

"...for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Indeed, far out, both the law and the word. Perhaps irretrievably out of Zion and out of Jerusalem.

REVEALING REACTIONS

OFF MIKE Michael Elkins



sion, lead to the aberrant and unacceptable suggestion that the killers of Aharon Gross were similarly guided from on High, only in a different language.

For superficially it would appear that there are no essential differences in the two deeds: except in the creed of the "targets;" and in the fact that in one case, the victim was armed.

But such reasoning must, indeed, be superficial for there are evident differences.

Here are just a few examples of such differences:

IN THE case of the killings at the university, we are being enjoined by the authorities to remember that the perpetrators are unidentified. We must not hasten to the conclusion that they are Jews. And we must

certainly not assign any complicity, or even any culpable responsibility to any group of persons other than to the murderers themselves... whoever they may be.

The killers of Aharon Gross were similarly unidentified, and remain so to this day. One cannot recall any similar caution enjoining us from hastening to the conclusion that they are Arabs. It is entirely evident that a heavy weight of responsibility was immediately loaded onto the Arabs in the Hebron market where Aharon Gross was slain.

It may even be reasonably suggested that some such concept of indirect and group responsibility contributed to the... delicacy... evinced by the authorities who ordered the soldiers to stand by while "nearly hysterical" people from Kiyat Arba set fire to the market. It

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What's in a clock?

A GROUNDWELL of popular opinion about summer time has developed that is channelling itself into action. Last week some major firms decided they would begin operations according to a summer clock, and now the Histadrut has given the initiative its blessings so that others may follow.

At the same time the High Court of Justice has accepted petitions calling on the Minister of Interior to show cause why he should not institute summer time still this year.

The popular pressure for a change in the clock even intruded itself into the Cabinet last week in the form of a query by Trade Minister Gideon Patt. Dr. Burg fobbed him off by saying he was considering setting up a committee. Considering it is rather less than a commitment, and inquiries at the Interior Ministry later in the week revealed that no committee has yet been established. Dr. Burg is still considering. Even the fact that 64 Knesset members, a majority of the House, petitioned him in favour of summer time, did not move the minister, nor the Cabinet.

Admittedly, setting the clock ahead by one hour for the summer months cannot be considered a burning national issue, though there is the argument that many millions of dollars in energy costs could be saved.

Nevertheless, the question appears to have captured the interest and imagination of broad sections of the population, leading to the present activity. And that merits examination. For it is a rare occurrence in Israel when groups of people and organizations are ignited into action, as if by spontaneous combustion, on a matter that is not political and not a specific vested interest. Why has the matter of summer time become such an exception?

The reason, like the problem, lies with Dr. Burg. Given the feudal nature of our cabinet form government, the ministers act like sovereigns in their own fiefdom. Thus, Dr. Burg has never deigned to explain to the Knesset, to the Cabinet, let alone to the public at large, just why he is so bull-headed about the poor clock. It is precisely this imperious indifference to the wishes of large sections of the citizenry which has finally inspired some old-fashioned democratic indignation. Not only has the minister of multiple portfolios defied popular opinion, he has also disdained accountability for his defiance.

It is this posture of ministerial arrogance, no less than the substance of summer time itself, that has roused the protesters.

The public pressure probably has come as somewhat of a surprise to Dr. Burg. For he, like other ministers, has grown accustomed during his many years in office to a docile public that does not require accountability.

Perhaps he now has a double dilemma. If he submits to the pressure he will not only surrender his preferred clock, but also set the dangerous precedent of bowing to the public wish. That might indeed be asking too much.

ADD ONE MORE item to your list of things that happen "only in Israel." In no other country is there state financing of political parties for their campaigning in local elections, as distinct from elections to parliament.

My source for that statement is Dr. Meir Shaham, deputy director of the interior ministry, who is better known as commissioner of elections. And it was confirmed to me this week by political science Professor Shevah Weiss, who is also an Alignment MK.

It is typical of the Knesset that its last act before recessing until mid-October was to vote the political parties state financing for the municipal elections to be held in the fall.

The amount of the financing has been grossly underestimated in the news media at "around half a billion shekels." But that figure is the bare minimum. It could come to twice as much.

The basis for the payment has been set at IS200 per eligible voter, which Ronnie Milo (Likud-Herut), when he presented the bill last Monday, described as "a very low sum."

Multiply IS200 by 2,772,178 eligible voters (including 165,420 permanent residents who are foreign nationals), and you get IS554.4 million. In addition, the law just passed authorizes the Knesset Finance Committee to allocate an additional IS150,000 per local authority. Multiply that sum by 145 local authorities, and you get a possible addition of over IS21 million.

New lists will be eligible for an advance payment on the assumption that they will elect at least one council member. That, of course, is a big unknown. If they fail to elect a single councilman, it is lost money for the Treasury.

Then there are the run-off elections to be held for the mayoralty contests in those local authorities in which no candidate received at least 40 per cent of the vote in the first round.

Every party taking part in the run-offs will receive an additional amount, equivalent to its initial allocation. The total is impossible to predict, but it could easily come to 80 per cent of the first-round sum, or an additional IS434 million. All in all, the bill could cost the taxpayer one billion shekels.

None of this was explained by Milo when he presented his bill. The only figure he mentioned was IS200 per eligible voter. Not a word about run-offs. Not a word to justify the extra money the Finance Committee was authorized to allocate. And this with respect to a bill of 11 closely-printed mimeographed pages of legalese.

THIS, TOO, was typical of party-financing legislation: the less said the better. But Milo's brief remarks

Bamboozling the voters

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN

were verbose in comparison with those of Yehuda Hashai (Alignment), whose bill emerged almost identical to Milo's, and which was the one finally adopted by the Knesset.

Hashai merely asked the House to approve his bill, period. And sat down. As if to say: Look fellows, you're all for this bill — except these do-gooders of Shinui. You can rely on me to do the right thing by the political parties. So why waste words?

Milo, although he ignored "the little details" of the bill, did at least try to justify state financing of the forthcoming election campaign. The aim was clean campaigning, he said. State financing relieves the parties from the need to court wealthy contributors, who would then expect special privileges from the recipient party after the elections.

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres said much the same thing on Wednesday night on the first reading on the Hashai bill (by then it was the Hashai-Kulas bill — the Liberals' Eliezer Kulas having meanwhile joined Hashai as co-sponsor).

Not originally scheduled to speak, Peres obtained the speaking time of Ya'acov Gil after some Alignment speakers — Shevah Weiss, Gad Ya'acobi, Michael Bar-Zohar, and Imri Ron — had said harsh words about the article in the bill declaring municipal election day a work holiday.

The gist of their remarks was that making the day a holiday would not necessarily bring out the vote. People could easily vote before or after work, or take a few minutes off work. If the day were a holiday, most families would go on picnics. And the cost to the economy would be around IS1.5 billion.

Peres explained what everybody already knew: that the grafting of the holiday provision onto the financing bill was part of a deal with the Likud, the price the Alignment had agreed to pay if there was to be state financing at all.

"Do you want the political parties to have to bow and scrape before millionaires, speculators, and importers? Or do you want democracy?" Peres asked.

Milo made an additional claim for party financing. He said that no state financing would give an advantage to the "ins," whereas "state financing gives an equal opportunity to every contesting party."

But the amount of state funding each party will receive is in direct proportion to its strength in the outgoing local council or, in certain cases, its strength in the present Knesset.

Later on, Peres did something that could hardly be described as democratic. When the House reconvened for the bill's second and third readings, he learned that Weiss, Bar-Zohar, and Ron had registered a minority proposal to strike out the "work holiday" paragraph. Incensed at this insubordination, Peres asked Deputy Speaker Moshe Shahal to declare a recess so that the Alignment faction could consult.

This is common practice to committee meetings, but not in the plenum. Shahal complied, and at the faction meeting Peres got a majority to require the three dissidents to withdraw their proposal.

So, to the extent that there is a high correlation between campaign funds expended and success at the polls, state financing serves to perpetuate the existing balance of party strength. It helps the large parties stay large, and makes it difficult for small parties to get bigger.

All this is true of state financing of Knesset election campaigns. But Tewfik Toubi of the (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality discovered a special discriminatory paragraph in Milo's bill. "Discovered" because this, too, Milo had not found necessary to mention.

This is the article that says that, if a party prefers, the basis for its state financing can be its Knesset strength rather than its strength in the outgoing local council, provided that the party (or the "mother party" of a local list) elected at least one member in at least half of all the local councils elected in 1978.

Toubi noted that this condition was something new even for a municipal financing law: it had not appeared in the 1978 law on the subject. So much for state financing and equal opportunities.

IN PRAISING the advantages to democracy provided by state financing, neither Milo nor Peres mentioned the fact that the financing law of 1973 constitutes a bargain between the parties and the state.

In return for state financing, the parties agree to open their books to the scrutiny of the state comptroller and to limit the amount of non-state funds that they will expend. But the parties haven't kept their part of the bargain.

In the 1981 election campaign, five parties exceeded that limit, which stood at one-and-a-half times the amount of each party's state funding. The Alignment was the chief offender, having spent IS89.8 million, when its legal ceiling was IS32.5m. (This is no mis-print; it exceeded the legal limit almost twice over.)

The Likud spent IS45.2m. (ceiling, IS37.3m.); Telem — the list of the late Moshe Dayan — IS8.3m. (IS2.9m.); Tami, IS12.4m. (IS2.9m.); and Tehiya, IS3.3m. (IS2.9m.).

There is another point that Milo and Peres neglected to mention. When the financing law was passed in 1973, local and Knesset elections were being held on the same day.

When only Knesset elections were held in 1977, no one suggested that the financing be reduced. But when only local elections were held in the following year, some genius came up with the idea of legislating additional state funding for them.

So, on Wednesday night the coalition on party financing consisting of government and opposition parties did what it did. Only Hanneh Porat (Tehiya) and Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) voted against the financing law. Even Virshubski's colleague, Amnon Rubinstein, seems to have tired of the fight; he did not participate in the vote.

ONE THING the Knesset failed to do before adjourning was to adopt a code of ethics. The House Committee and its subcommittee on ethics have been sitting on this since December 1981, and the committee's failure to act is not due to mere inertia: there is a strong pressure group of MKs who do not want a code.

Assessing motives is always hazardous, but my impression is that committee chairman Eitan Livni means well, but will not put a tough code to a vote unless he is sure that it will pass. He would have served the public, and the Knesset, better by forcing the opponents of a meaningful code to go on record as voting against it.

As things stand, lawyer MKs like Milo, Ehud Olmert, and Moshe Shahal may with impunity meet clients in the Knesset and represent clients before government officials.

And the same goes for economic consultants like Adi Amoral, Mieh Harish, Yigal Cohen-Orad, and Dan Tlehan. Cohen-Orad, by the way, has asked me to point out that since being elected to the Knesset, he has reduced the staff of his economic consultation office considerably, from 18 to two, I believe. But this does not affect the principle involved. A different course was taken by Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov, who closed his law office when he was elected to the Knesset.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim still owes the Israel Bar Association an answer. Last November, the association adopted some by-laws affecting those of its members who are MKs. Among other things, these prohibited such lawyers from receiving clients in the Knesset building and from representing them before any body subject to the oversight of the state comptroller.

Under the Israel Bar Association Law, the approval of the minister of justice is required before any of the association's by-laws can take effect. Nissim told the association then that he thought that the Knesset itself was the proper body to adopt rules governing its own members. He would take no action on the association's draft rules until the Knesset had a chance to act. But surely he will not wait forever.

A WORD about the Likud-Aguda plot executed close to midnight last Monday that resulted in the passage — on its preliminary reading — of the Aguda's archeology bill. The conspiracy has been referred to as an "ambush," but in an ambush you lie in wait for somebody to come along, while here they waited for the bill's opponents to disappear. What is the right term, anyhow?

Whether Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov knew that the Presidium had specifically decided that the archeology bill would come up only on Tuesday, I don't know. That is relevant only with respect to the justice of Speaker Menahem Savidov's calling the deputy speaker a liar.

But Cohen-Avidov knew that the item was not on Monday's agenda. He has said that there have been precedents in which the session chairman "changed the agenda." But he has not cited a single example. I doubt that he can name one in which the chairman of the session suddenly added a controversial item.

If Cohen Avidov was not in the original conspiracy, he became a willing accomplice. I agree with Shahal that since his fellow deputy speaker was a co-sponsor of the Aguda bill, his action only compounds the felony.

The writer is the Knesset reporter, The Jerusalem Post.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS ON JULY 26, 1858 Baron Lionel Nathan de Rothschild became the first professing Jew in Britain to be admitted to the House of Commons. Exactly 125 years later, the event was marked by a festive luncheon attended by his great-grandson, Jacob de Rothschild, and two more of his descendants.

At the luncheon held by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Lord Brittan, the Jewish-born Home Secretary, expressed what he called "our great debt to the Rothschild family" and to the English people's spirit of compromise and tolerance.

Among the many other guests, who included Jewish and non-Jewish members of both houses of Parliament, was 98-year-old Lord Emanuel Shinwell, who in 1922 became the first Jew to represent

the Labour Party in the House of Commons.

Ian Mikardo, another prominent Jewish Labour MP, said that had it not been for Rothschild's fight to enter Parliament, Britain might not have admitted to its shores the waves of immigrants fleeing from Czarist oppression towards the end of the last century. "Instead of being a member of the House of Commons, I might have had an unmarked grave in the Warsaw Ghetto," Mikardo said.

Jacob de Rothschild noted that it took his ancestor 12 years to win his fight to sit in the House of Commons after winning his first election, but that once he had done so he never made a speech there.

In all, the parliamentary battle for Jewish emancipation had taken 28 years. The first bill to admit Jews to the House of Commons was tabled in 1830, a year after the Catholics were enfranchised.

PS WORTH HER WEIGHT — The Iraqi government has decided to build a gold statue to commemorate the Iraqi woman's role in the war against Iran, the official Iraqi News Agency reports.

The monument would be in the form of an Iraqi woman, and the

gold is coming from the Iraqi women, known for their fondness of jewelry.

INA said the General Federation of Iraqi Women had proposed that Iraqi women donate their jewelry as part of their contribution to the war effort.

Since Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "highlighted" the idea in a recent speech, long queues of women keep rushing to donation centres carrying their jewelry, INA says. It adds that Hussein's wife and daughter, and the wives of the members of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council are among those donating gold.

The agency says Hussein sent a message to the GFIW stating that the "leadership did not look to this matter materially, therefore it had decided to build a statue of gold resembling the Iraqi woman marking her glorious and distinguished role in the war against the Persians."

INA says women were donating jewelry "in an unprecedented campaign of bounty," and that the gold received is expected to weigh "dozens of tons."

READERS' LETTERS

THE MED-DEAD CANAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — When I visited Israel last November, I spent some time with friends of the Israeli Geological Survey and talked at length with Yu'acov Arkin regarding plans for the Mediterranean-Dead Sea Project (MDP). I have worked on and lived close to many large multipurpose hydroelectric projects in the United States — Hoover (Boulder) Dam, Grand Coulee Dam, the St. Lawrence River Seaway and Power Project, the Denver Water Supply Project, and the Snowy Mountain Project in Australia — and nothing has excited me more than the concept of the MDP as presently envisioned.

By conveying Mediterranean Sea water into the Dead Sea Rift, the project will not only stabilize the electrical power supply of Israel for several generations, but it will restore the Dead Sea to a historic level and shape, and create opportunities to further develop the desert regions by providing water for solar ponds and oil-shale utilization. In addition, water will be available for agricultural purposes and for recreational inland sea water lakes.

In my experience, I have seen similar multipurpose projects pay for themselves many times over in ways that were never envisioned in the original planning — improved standards of living, recreation, tourism, wildlife refuges, and new spin-off industries from the advanced construction and power generation technologies that will be created.

Another reason that is perhaps more esoteric, but tremendously important to Israel's world image, is that the country has been best known in recent years for its success in warfare; now is the time to show the world that it can be equally successful in constructing a huge and complex civil work.

The MDP will surely stand among the great engineering feats of the world!

ROLAND A. PETTITT
Los Alamos, New Mexico.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am outraged at the heavy fines imposed on Merkaz Harav students for their protest against performance of Handel's Messiah. These boys deserve awards for breaking the cycle of lethargy whereby we sit and have our Jewish values sneered at in time-honoured music.

RABBI DR. SHMUEL GOLDING
Jerusalem.

NORWEGIAN TV REPORTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Heavy criticism against the slanted reporting on Norwegian TV during the Lebanon war last year has now been voiced in a Norwegian research report, made available in June this year.

The research project was conducted by the independent Norwegian Research Institute on Foreign Politics (NUPI) in Oslo, by Middle-East expert, Daniel Heradstveit.

Entitled "The Media War in Lebanon" — was the NRK balanced?" it was originally requested by the director of the state-run radio and TV company, former Labour party deputy-leader Bjartmar Gjerde, as a response to the criticism of TV's handling of the Lebanon war last summer.

One of the results of the report showed that TV reporters clearly tend to use PLO-loaded language rather than the Israeli-loaded language in describing the conflict. Reportage on the number of dead and wounded during the war was subject to clear criticism in this report. The (largely exaggerated) figures in 40 per cent of the instances examined, were given without any information on where the figures came from.

The research report also freed the TV company (NRK) from criticism on some aspects of war reporting. As an example there were some instances of mentioning that PLO military strongholds were located in civilian districts.

The reasons behind the Israeli war were never mentioned. On topics like these, the report was to an extent critical, since the reporters might have said, for example, that "...Israel has again been shooting at a refugee camp..." without having subsequently added that this refugee camp contained military targets.

When church-related groups, sympathetic to Israel, in February this year presented a video cassette with proof of this slanted TV-reporting, Bjartmar Gjerde refused to discuss the cassette, claiming that one should rather wait for the research report from NUPI.

Having now received the NUPI report, Gjerde at an Oslo press conference in June promised to have the scientific report "thoroughly studied." As to the death figures, Gjerde promised to instruct reporters to always mention the source quoted.

On the question of choosing between Israeli-loaded or PLO-loaded language, the TV manager said it was a difficult problem. He disagreed with the NUPI report which says that since words like

"peace operation" or "invasion" are loaded in favour of either one or the other side, the reporters ought to find a neutral word. According to Gjerde, there is no reason to dispute the fact that Israel "invaded" Lebanon. Another question is, however, whether it was a necessary invasion, he said.

On the TV news that same evening the criticism of this NUPI report was played down as much as possible, while the arguments in favour of the TV reporters were heavily emphasized. **ODD SYVERRE HOVE**
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IR OVOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It may give you pleasure to know that certain material you publish can have beneficial effects and generate gratitude long after it appears.

I refer to the article about Ir Ovot and its healing waters which you printed some months ago. My sister, a Parkinson sufferer, and I, with various arthritic complaints, have just returned from a week's stay there and were quite delighted with the place. The pool invigorates and soothes. Simha Perlmutter and his staff afford unfailing personal concern. As to the food, I can only call it gourmet homelike. Accommodations are simple; caravans with desert coolers and basic necessities provided, except for bedsheets.

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FOOTNOTE TO HOLOCAUST HISTORY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Dr. Erwin Lichtenstein's letter of July 15 correcting the article on Danzig of June 24 contains a crucial error — one of which he may never have been aware when he shared the agony of the Jews of Danzig.

At the time (spring 1939), he and his associates of the Jewish community may have been under the impression that the money from the JOINT in payment for Danzig's Jewry was earmarked for support of emigration, both legal and illegal. In fact, the JOINT, according to its records in New York, strictly limited the use of its monies in accordance with its traditional policies. These it had re-enunciated during the crisis of the October 1937 pogrom in Danzig.

In brief, its policy came down to two rules and priorities: 1) relocation with emigration, at most repatriation (such as Polish nationals in Danzig back to Poland); and 2) emigration to western hemispheric countries. The former was to avoid setting a precedent by assisting the Nazi goal of evicting Jews from any territory. The latter was designed to avoid displeasing the British.

When it came to the matter of emigration to Palestine, the JOINT reluctantly channelled funds indirectly to projects that included only certificated (legal) immigrants. The bulk of the Danzig Jews, however, were not certificated and, hence, destined for illegal immigration.

Once it suspected such ventures, it would not transfer funds to release Jewish funds in Danzig to cover transportation costs, with the result that the JOINT seriously hampered the exodus of Jews from Danzig at the eleventh hour.

These comments are a tragic footnote to the plight of Jews in Europe which is, unfortunately, not exceptional. For example, when the Danzig Jewish community sent a non-Jewish emissary to plead on their behalf, he was callously informed that Lord Rothschild did not recognize a Jewish problem in Europe.

These prevailing attitudes on the part of Jewish leaders and organizations have not yet been properly chronicled and aired. So far, scholars on the history of intra-Jewish affairs during the pre-World War II years have skirted around them. Apologetics and polemics prevail.

It will take a new and less tinged generation of investigators to glimpse openly with this chapter, Holocaust history in which Lichtenstein played such a no role in the rescue of Jews.

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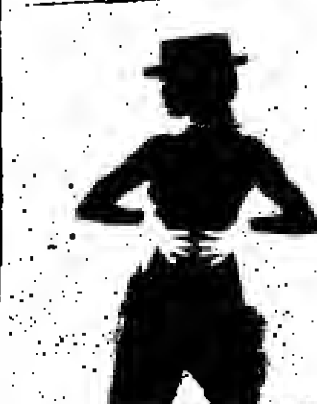
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